

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Divisional of
Appl. No. : 10/268,182
Filed : 10/09/2002
Art Unit : 3651
Examiner : Douglas A Hess

Docket No. : 87-61-106
Customer No. : 04856

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOADING STACKS
OF CARTONS OF FROZEN ANIMAL PRODUCTS
ONTO VESSELS USING A CARRIER

Commissioner For Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the above entitled application, please enter the following Amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

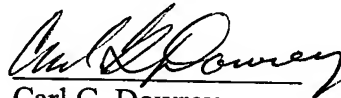
Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice.

Examination and allowance of claims 10-15 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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